

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Larry (NMI) DeKraker et al.  
For : CONTROL MECHANISM FOR SEATING UNITS

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed foreign patent documents is attached. As the Office has waived the requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication, a copy of the listed U.S. patents is not included with the submission of attached Form PTO 1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language document.

1. FR 708,283 appears to disclose a chair.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicants : Larry (NMI) DeKraker et al.  
For : CONTROL MECHANISM FOR SEATING UNITS  
Page : 2

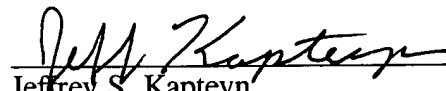
If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 16-2463.

Respectfully submitted,

LARRY (NMI) DEKRAKER ET AL.

By: Price, Heneveld, Cooper,  
DeWitt & Litton

12/18/03  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey S. Kapteyn  
Registration No. 41 883  
695 Kenmoor, S.E.  
Post Office Box 2567  
Grand Rapids, MI 49501  
(616) 949-9610

JSK/cmu

<b>FORM PTO-1449 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE</b> <b>(Rev. 2-32) PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b>  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b> <b>STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)	<b>ATTY. DOCKET NO.</b> STE01 P-915L	<b>SERIAL NO.</b>
	<b>APPLICANT</b> Larry (NMI) DeKraker et al.	
	<b>FILING DATE</b>	<b>GROUP</b>

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER							DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPRO- PRIATE
		6	3	6	7	8	7	6	04/09/2002	Caruso			
		6	2	5	0	7	1	5	06/26/2001	Caruso			
		6	0	3	5	9	0	1	03/14/2000	Stumpf			
		6	0	0	3	9	4	3	12/21/1999	Schneider			
		5	9	1	5	7	8	8	06/29/1999	Schneider			
		5	8	7	1	2	5	8	02/16/1999	Batthey			
		5	7	8	2	5	3	6	07/21/1998	Heidmann			
		5	5	7	7	8	0	7	11/26/1996	Hodge			
		5	3	8	5	3	8	8	01/31/1995	Faiks et al.			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER							DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLA- TION	
													Y	N
			7	9	4	1	3	8	06/23/1958	GB			X	
			7	0	8	2	8	3	07/22/1931	France				X

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

<b>EXAMINER INITIAL</b>	

<b>EXAMINER</b>	<b>DATE CONSIDERED</b>
EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	

<b>FORM PTO-1449 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE</b> <b>(Rev. 2-32) PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b>  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b> <b>STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)	<b>ATTY. DOCKET NO.</b> STE01 P-915L	<b>SERIAL NO.</b>
	<b>APPLICANT</b> Larry (NMI) DeKraker et al.	
	<b>FILING DATE</b>	<b>GROUP</b>

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPRO- PRIATE
		5 3 2 8 2 4 2	07/12/1994	Steffens et al.			
		5 2 8 2 6 7 0	02/01/1994	Karsten et al.			
		5 0 4 2 8 7 6	08/27/1991	Faiks			
		4 9 8 4 8 4 6	01/15/1991	Ekornes			
		4 9 4 8 1 9 8	08/14/1990	Crossman			
		4 9 1 5 4 4 9	04/10/1990	Piretti			
		4 8 8 9 3 8 4	12/26/1989	Sulzer			
		4 8 4 2 3 3 3	06/27/1989	Meiller			
		4 7 7 9 9 2 5	10/25/1988	Heinzel			
		4 7 6 3 9 5 0	08/16/1988	Tobler			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLA- TION
							Y N

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

EXAMINER INITIAL		

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	

<b>FORM PTO-1449 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE</b> <b>(Rev. 2-32) PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b>  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b> <b>STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)	<b>ATTY. DOCKET NO.</b> STE01 P-915L	<b>SERIAL NO.</b>
	<b>APPLICANT</b> Larry (NMI) DeKraker et al.	
	<b>FILING DATE</b>	<b>GROUP</b>

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPRO- PRIATE
	4 7 2 0 1 4 2	01/19/1988	Holdredge et al.			
	4 7 0 9 9 6 3	12/01/1987	Uecker et al.			
	4 3 0 9 2 0 6	01/05/1982	Michaud et al.			
	4 0 9 9 7 7 5	07/11/1978	Mizelle			
	3 9 8 9 2 9 7	11/02/1976	Kerstholt			
	3 9 3 4 9 3 2	01/27/1976	Ekornes			
	2 8 1 8 9 1 1	01/07/1958	Syak			
	2 6 2 7 8 9 8	02/10/1953	Jackson			
	2 4 9 7 0 2 4	05/24/1949	Cramer			
	1 5 9 0 2 4 0	06/29/1926	Gorton			
	3 6 2 7 9 6	05/10/1887	Tait			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLA- TION
						Y N

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

EXAMINER INITIAL	

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	